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FLAG EDUCATION PROGRAM BEGINS TWENTIETH YEAR **IN ARKANSAS SCHOOLS**

During the spring term of the 1988-1989 school year the state's major veteran groups participated in the first state-coordinated effort to introduce Arkansas school children to flag etiquette and to the proper way to show respect to the American flag. The flag education program has been so successful that the veterans groups are continuing to support this effort and will do so again during the 2008-2009 school year.

Arkansas County Veterans Service Officer representatives and various veterans' organizations, including the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Vietnam Veterans of America, will present the program to every fifth-grade classroom. The Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs is again coordinating the effort between these organizations and Arkansas schools.

The success of this program has depended on the voluntary efforts of hundreds of Arkansans who care deeply about our country. Representatives from one of the veterans groups in the area will be contacting the districts to request approximately forty-five minutes of classroom time to make a presentation on flag etiquette. The Department of Education appreciates each school's cooperation with the veterans' groups in this statewide effort. If your school has not been contacted in previous years, but is interested in participating, please notify Susan King, Public Affairs Specialist, at the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs (501) 370-3820 or your local County Veteran Service Officer.

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